



SUBJECT: Active Transportation Facilities on Regional Roads

TO: Planning and Development Committee

FROM: Transportation Services

Report Number: TS-01-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 150-04

Date to Committee: February 28, 2017

Date to Council: March 27, 2017

Recommendation:

Authorize the City of Burlington to enter into an agreement with Halton Region under Section 55 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, to permit Halton Region to finance and construct sidewalks and other off-road active transportation infrastructure on regional roadways in Burlington as outlined in Halton's Active Transportation Master Plan, endorsed in principle by Regional Council on November 12, 2015 through regional report PW-17-15; and

Confirm that once constructed, these sidewalks and other off-road active transportation infrastructure be owned and operated by the City of Burlington; and

Authorize the City Clerk to forward a copy of this report to Halton Region, Town of Oakville, Town of Halton Hills and the Town of Milton for information.

Purpose:

This report seeks Council's authorization to enter into an agreement permitting Halton Region to finance and construct active transportation facilities, including sidewalks and other off road facilities, on regional roads within the City of Burlington. This agreement will also confirm that Burlington assumes ownership and maintenance of said facilities.

Background and Discussion:

In 2011, Halton Region completed an integrated transportation master plan entitled “The Road to Change” which included strategies to accommodate travel by auto, cycling, transit and walking. One of these strategies was the preparation of an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) for regional roads. The aim of the Halton’s ATMP was to identify the necessary improvements required to promote and facilitate Active Transportation (AT) throughout the region. Halton’s ATMP was approved by Regional Council in November 2015 through report PW-17-15.

The vast majority of existing regional roads within the City of Burlington include walking facilities such as sidewalks and other off road facilities and are currently maintained by the City. Relative to Milton, Halton Hills and Oakville, there were few opportunities for additional active transportation facilities on regional roads in the city. Halton’s ATMP proposes 4 new off road facilities as follows:

Regional Road	Limits	Construction Date
Dundas Street	Kerns to Appleby Line	2019 to 2021
Brant Street	Hwy 407 to Dundas St	2022
Guelph Line	Upper Middle Rd to Dundas St	2026
Burloak Dr	QEW to Upper Middle Rd	2025

The additional resources required to own and maintain these additional facilities are much less significant when compared to the other Halton local municipalities. Our Roads and Parks Maintenance Department will require advance notice to ensure impacts to the operating budget including equipment are identified and communicated in advance of construction of the new sidewalks or multi-use paths. The estimated construction value of the proposed AT facilities is approximately \$660,000.

Financial Matters:

Through this agreement Halton Region will finance the construction of 4 additional active transportation facilities within the City of Burlington for a total cost of approximately \$660,000. All 4 local municipalities have been requested to transfer all development charges (DC’s) collected to date related to the construction of sidewalks and other active transportation infrastructure on regional roads to the Region. Burlington has advised Halton Region that there are no DC’s to transfer for the 4 subject

road segments. The City will incur a phased increase in maintenance costs associated with these facilities and as they come on line and will include these increases in the annual operating budget.

Connections:

Roads and Parks Maintenance, Capital Works, and Finance staff were consulted during the preparation of this report.

Conclusion:

Halton Region proposes to finance and construct all capital costs associated with new active transportation facilities on regional roads and the City of Burlington will, as per current practice, assume the operation and maintenance of any new facilities which will result in an incremental increase to the operating budget. Staff recommend acceptance of this proposal and request authorization to enter into an agreement with Halton Region.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.